

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring William Ruckelshaus,
recipient of the National Medal of Freedom.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring William
2 Ruckelshaus, recipient of the National Medal of Freedom.

3 *Whereas, On November 24, 2015, President Barack Obama*
4 *honored William Ruckelshaus at the White House with the*
5 *Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is given to those who*
6 *have made significant contributions to national security, world*
7 *peace or cultural developments, for his work for the U.S.*
8 *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);*

9 *Whereas, In 1970, Ruckelshaus became the first*
10 *Administrator of the EPA for the first two and a half years of its*
11 *conception and later returned to this position in 1983 for two*
12 *years;*

13 *Whereas, During his time with the EPA, Ruckelshaus laid*
14 *the foundation for the organization by hiring its leaders,*
15 *defining its mission, deciding priorities and selecting the*
16 *organizational structure, and then 13 years later, upon*
17 *returning to the agency, he revived the organization by re-*
18 *filling the top-level positions, turning the attention of the staff*
19 *back to the agency's original mission, and raising the esteem*
20 *of the agency in the public's mind;*



1 *Whereas, Indiana born and raised, Ruckelshaus graduated*
2 *high school in Portsmouth, Rhode Island at the Benedictine*
3 *Portsmouth Abbey, served two years in the U.S. Army,*
4 *graduated cum laude from Princeton, and finished his*
5 *education by receiving an L.L.B. from Harvard Law School in*
6 *1960;*

7 *Whereas, At 28-years-old, Ruckelshaus was appointed to*
8 *Deputy State Attorney General and assigned to the Indiana*
9 *Board of Health, and helped draft the 1961 Indiana Air*
10 *Pollution Control Act; and*

11 *Whereas, A few years later, Ruckelshaus began a political*
12 *career by winning a seat in the Indiana House of*
13 *Representatives where he became Majority Leader in his first*
14 *term: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
16 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors William
18 Ruckelshaus for his achievement of being bestowed with the
19 National Medal of Freedom for his work with the U.S.
20 Environmental Protection Agency.

21 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
22 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to William Ruckelshaus.

